

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A cosmetic composition for improving the appearance of skin comprising:

from about 0.1 to about 8 wt% carbon dioxide; and

from about 92 to about 99 wt% of a dermatologically acceptable carrier.

2. The cosmetic composition of Claim 1, wherein said carrier is free of fluorocarbons.

3. The cosmetic composition of Claim 1, wherein said carrier comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of water, ethanol, propanol, isopropanol, glycols esters and paraffin oil.

4. The cosmetic composition of Claim 1, wherein said carrier comprises water and at least one member selected from the group consisting of ethanol, propanol, isopropanol,, glycols, esters and paraffin oil.

5. The cosmetic composition of Claim 1, wherein said carrier includes a propellant.

6. The cosmetic composition of Claim 5, wherein said propellant is present in an amount of from about 1 to about 25 wt%.

7. The cosmetic composition of Claim 5, wherein said propellant comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, argon, nitrogen, oxygen, propane, butane, isobutane, trichloromonofluoromethane, dichlorodifluoromethane, dichlorotetrafluoromethane, monobromonochlorodifluoromethane, monobrotrichlorodifluoromethane, trichlorotrifluoromethane, tetrafluoromethane, octafluorocyclobutane, 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane, 1,1-dichloro-2,2,2-trifluoroethane, 1-chloro-1,1-difluoroethane and dimethyl ether.

8. The cosmetic composition of Claim 1, wherein said carrier includes an antioxidant in an amount of from about 0.001 to about 5 wt%.

9. The cosmetic composition of Claim 8, wherein said antioxidant is selected from the group consisting of butylated hydroxy anisole, butylated hydroxy toluene, beta-carotene, ubiquinone, propyl gallate, alpha-tocopherol, superoxide dismutase, polyphenols and ascorbic acid.

10. The cosmetic composition of Claim 8, wherein said antioxidant is present in an amount of from 0.01 to about 2 wt%.

11. The cosmetic composition of Claim 1, wherein said carrier is in the form of a gas, a liquid, or a semi-solid.

12. The cosmetic composition of Claim 1, wherein said carrier includes an ingredient for improving skin protection, appearance, moisture, or texture selected from the group consisting of retinol, tocopherol, hyaluronic acid, glycoaminoglycans, polyphenols, allium compounds, essential lipids, butylene glycol, propylene glycol, aloe, glycerin, glycerin esters, polyethylene glycol ethers, octyl palmitate, polysorbates, polyquaterniums, jojoba, calendula, extract, chamomile extract, grape extract, horsetail extract, garlic extract, licorice extract, rosemary extract, thiamin, azelaic acid, lactic acid, caprylic acid, caproic acid, capric acid, linoleic acid, xanthum, kinetin, shea butter, wheat proteins, soy proteins, oat proteins, phospholipids, liposomes, beta carotene, dimethicones, fennel oil, essential oils, essential fatty acids, sun screen, lecithin and cetyl esters.

13. The cosmetic composition of Claim 1, wherein said carrier includes an oxygen carrier selected from the group consisting of shark liver oil, olive oil and squalene.

14. The cosmetic composition of Claim 1, wherein said carrier includes a foam stabilizer.

15. The cosmetic composition of Claim 14, wherein said foam stabilizer is present in an amount of from about 0.05 to about 1.0 wt%.

16. The cosmetic composition of Claim 14, wherein said foam stabilizer is selected from the group consisting of sodium stearate, sodium palmitate, sodium cetyl sulfate, glycerol, proteins, methylcellulose, polyvinyl alcohol, saponins and mixtures thereof.

17. A method of improving the appearance of skin comprising :
topically applying the cosmetic composition of Claim 1 to skin.

18. The method of Claim 17, wherein said carrier is free of fluorocarbons.

19. The method of Claim 17, wherein said carrier includes at least one member selected from the group consisting of a propellant, a moisturizer, a preservative, an antioxidant, a perfluorocarbon and a foam stabilizer.

20. The method of Claim 17, wherein said carrier comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of water, ethanol, propanol, isopropanol, glycols esters and paraffin oil.